

## MERLINS BRIDGE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of Monthly Meeting held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm at The Village Hall, Merlins Bridge

**Present: Cllrs Owen, O'Sullivan, Cole, Stamp, R Thomas, Palmer, Q Thomas, Hilliard & Morgan**

**The Chair opened the meeting and introduced Isabel Jones, member of Public to meeting**

**1. Apologies** - Paul Davies on holiday.

#### **2. Minutes of the February Meeting**

*Proposed by Cllr O'Sullivan and seconded by Cllr Stamp*

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- No further information regarding JUDP – ongoing.
- External Local Government Finance - Cllr Thomas said the pre-cept needs to be raised and unsure the community will be happy with an increase. Finance Committee advised that they have already prepared a contingency. We will be looking to revue the pre-cept for 2020 in November.
- Councillors Allowance – Councillors were present with a declaration slip to be returned to acting clerk Cllr Lisa O'Sullivan, to show what their intention were in claiming the Councillors allowance.
- Received resignation from Cllr Grant Lewis. Vacancies for Cllr post to be put on Facebook page.

#### **4. Correspondence**

- Resignation letter received from Grant Lewis – acknowledgement letter to be sent.
- Resident of Mill Lane – Letter received from resident of Mill Lane raising some issue regarding damaged storage bin – Cllr Cole will pop round and see her for further information and endeavour to solve the issue.
- Lloyds Bank reply to our complaint – Awarded us £100 for inconvenience and £25 for our costs
- Donation request from Young Farmers – received not supported
- Air Ambulance letter thanking for our donation £150 + tea bag.
- Cruise Bereavement Care looking for a donation £50 donated, *Proposed by Cllr Thomas and seconded Cllr Cole.*

- Kids cancer charity – Correspondence received not supported
- PCC letter - Community Council Member of the standards committee – vacancy
- CND Cymru - No underground nuclear waste dump. **Proposed by John, seconded by Alison** – Response needed

## 5. County Councillors Report+

- Heard nothing from School.
- In order to keep the junction clear from St Issells turning into St Thomas's, the PCC are installing double yellow line
- Fir Trees have been planted in the original site because of the electricity supply. If planning is required it will be ascertained.
- Rose Avenue Conflict, Civil matter.
- Cemetary sign – Just waiting to be installed

## 6. Planning

- No Planning applications this month

## 7. Finance

- £70 – OVW Finance Workshop.
- £2,195.12 Travis Perkins – Building
- Cruise £50 - Donation
- VAT on project monies – A vote was taken, **Proposed by Cllr Cole seconded by Cllr Morgan**. The vat will be claimed back in one application for all works on new extension.
- One Voice Wales – Nothing this month.

## 8. Planning

- Nothing from PCC boundaries JUDP is ongoing.
- Plan Ed said – see leaflet – area of land for mainly low cost housing – not applicable as we do not own any land

## 9. Cllrs representing MBCC

- School next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> March

## 10. Training

- Training - Cllr as an employer. Copies handed out. Good course & beneficial. Attended by Cllr O'Sullivan and Cllr Owen. This will be paid for upon receipt of invoice

## 11. Building Project

- Up to roof truss level.

- Welfare Committee have £2k Hall Maintenance and 6k outdoor play equipment

12. **Standing Orders Review and Update** - Push forward to next meeting due to time constraints. Cllr's were asked to read and prepare for next meeting

**13. Matters of Urgency**

**14. Items for next Agenda**

- Sick and holiday pay and hrs need to be put on new contract and brought to next meeting.
- Clerk Vacancies – Cllrs Thomas, Owen & Cole. Have shortlisted to two. All unsuccessful applications have been emailed.

**Next meeting 10<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Meeting ended 8.15pm**

**Signed.....**

**Dated .....**